

Steve Demme, Math-U-See, Building Faith Families

Steve and his wife Sandra have been married since 1979. They have been blessed with four sons, three lovely daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. Their fourth son John has Down Syndrome and lives with them in PA. Steve addresses a variety of topics at conferences and churches to encourage parents as they seek to build families of faith. His messages are rooted in scripture, illustrated from personal experience, and filled with practical application.

He has served in full or part time pastoral ministry for many years after graduating from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has served on the board of Joni and Friends, Eastern PA. A former math teacher who has taught at all levels of math in public, private, and Christian schools, Steve is the author of Math-U-See and the founder of Building Faith Families.

The Family That Stays Together Stays Together

God created marriage and the family. Before Abraham, Moses, or Israel, God instituted the sacred institution of the family. Healthy God honoring families are the foundation for our churches and our culture. Transformation of our institutions begins in the home where each individual is rooted, grounded, and connected to God through the good news of Jesus, who is the cornerstone of a family of faith.

Five Strategies to Build Up and Encourage Our Wives

Steve relates insights he has gleaned from scripture on how God has designed our wives and ways that we can lay down our lives and apply biblical principles to build them up and encourage them in the Lord. When we lose our life we find it.

Biblical Principles of Communication for the Family

Loving God and each other are relationships. Relationships are built on edifying communication. No one can build up, or tear down, more than those that we love the most. In this workshop we will examine how to hear and understand each other in a safe place.

The Divine Blueprint for Building a Family of Faith

In Deuteronomy 6, God's simple and effective plan for the family begins with parents loving God with everything in them and having His word on their hearts. When parents have established their own relationship with God and His word, they are equipped to teach their children to love God and His word.

Angela Smith, Home School Legal Defence Association

Angela Smith is the Operations Manager for HSLDA Canada and is passionate about supporting homeschooling families. Angela and her husband, Calvin, have three grown children whom she thoroughly enjoyed homeschooling. Angela embraced the challenges of being a busy homeschool mother and also worked with her son who is gifted and borderline Aspergers, with a Non-Verbal Learning Disorder. Angela's previous work experience and education shows a real heart for serving others, beginning with her work with special needs kids when she was fourteen. Her vast experience includes working in a preschool, in group homes for at-risk youth, with young mothers in needs of shelter and support, and in financial administration for her husband's business, and with HSLDA.

Special Needs

Angela is mom of a son who is gifted and borderline Aspergers with Non-Verbal Learning Disorder. Her heart for encouraging and equipping homeschooling parents is evident in this talk in which she discusses the benefits to homeschooling a struggling learner or a child with special needs. This practical talk will arm you with resources and points to research as you homeschool your special kids, and it will encourage you to persevere in the good work you are doing. There will be time for discussion at the end of the talk.

Cory Vail, AWANA International Canada

Cory became a Christian in High School through a local church youth group and has been serving in Christian ministry ever since, leading in Inter-School Christian Fellowship, and serving in youth and Awana ministries. Cory went to University where he earned a BA in Biblical Studies with a Certificate in Youth Leadership. This is also where he met and fell in love with his wife Emily. After graduation Cory and Emily got married and started a family and now have four boys ages 7, 5, 3, and 1. Cory is passionate about gathering people together, equipping leaders, and reaching families for Christ. He is excited to see how he can use his gifts to help further Christ's Kingdom through the Awana ministry in Atlantic Canada.

Scripture Memory in your Homeschool

Exploring the why and how of Scripture memorization in your homeschool.

Julie Charette, Association de Science Creationniste du Quebec / Creation Science Association of Quebec

Titulaire d'une maîtrise en littérature de langue française, Julie Charette a rencontré Christ il y a près de quinze ans, après avoir assisté à une série de conférences organisées par l'Association de Science Créationniste du Québec (ASCQ). Depuis ce temps, elle est impliquée au sein de cette organisation qui vise à faire connaître aux chrétiens et aux non-chrétiens les évidences scientifiques, bibliques et philosophiques qui appuient une interprétation littérale du récit de la création présenté dans le livre de la Genèse. Elle est aussi l'heureuse maman de six enfants âgés de 10 mois à 9 ans, tous éduqués à la maison depuis leur naissance.

Enseigner la Création à Nos Enfants

Dans notre société post-chrétienne où l'idéologie évolutionniste est imposée de façon de plus en plus dogmatique, il n'est pas facile d'enseigner la création telle qu'elle est décrite dans la Bible. Pourtant, la foi en la puissance créatrice de Dieu est un pilier de la vie chrétienne et de notre identité, en plus d'être la clé qui nous permet de comprendre pleinement la rédemption que Jésus-Christ nous offre. Dans cet atelier, vous pourrez entendre plusieurs contre-arguments au discours matérialiste athée en vogue dans le milieu scientifique et dans les médias. Julie présentera aussi des ressources et des trucs pratiques qui aideront votre famille à baigner dans une idéologie créationniste cohérente, et répondra à quelques questions fréquentes telles que « Quelle est la vérité au sujet des dinosaures? » et « D'où viennent les dates en millions d'années dont on nous parle sans arrêt? »

Doris Sabeau, Music for Young Children

Doris has been working in the field of Early Childhood Education for over 30 years. She began as a Special Education teacher, in the NB School system, working with children with learning disabilities. She left the school system to raise her family and started her own music studio where she combines her two passions – music and classroom teaching. She teaches the Canadian program – Music for Young Children – in her studio, plus she teaches music and movement classes in daycares, in preschools and in two private schools in Moncton NB. As Maritime Regional Coordinator for Music for Young Children, Doris trains and mentors MYC teachers and is often invited by Early Childhood Educators to make presentations about the importance of music and movement in early childhood.

Music and Movement in Early Childhood

Find out how important music is to the development of every area in a child's life. You don't have to be a musician to include music in your curriculum. Learn about simple music activities that will enhance your child's learning.

Peter Lindsay, Tree of Life

Peter Lindsay serves homeschooling families as an evaluator and High School Administrator with Tree of Life. He also works as a private tutor locally. He has been teaching and tutoring in science, math, literature, and writing for twelve years first in public schools and, after discovering Christian and classical education, in the homeschooling field. In the last few years, he has facilitated online discussion-based courses in the Great Ideas. Peter and his wife Niki are raising and homeschooling their three children (2, 5, 7) in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, where he also serves in his church.

Working with Struggling High Schoolers

Struggles and learning challenges are common at the high school end of the homeschooling journey. This workshop by Tree of Life will give caring insight and practical suggestions on how to help your struggling high-schoolers through this phase of their education. There will be application to a variety of subject areas from literature and writing to science and math. The focus of the workshop is on helping the student to become confident and successful in whatever level or aim of studies they are following. We will also give an overview of our high school program and services for homeschooling families.

Julie Boucher, Integrated Service Delivery (ISD)

Julie Boucher has a Master's in Education with a concentration in Counseling. She has worked for more than 15 years in the post-secondary education setting, as a Coordinator for Coop programs, an academic advisor, a career counselor and in the last three years of her career at the Université de Moncton, Julie developed and implemented a "Bounce-Back" program for first year students who did not achieve the minimal grade point average required in their program. Through this program, students received coaching on their study skills, workshops to attain a better study-life balance and some personal counseling.

Last year, wanting to further her career and her passion for project development and management, Julie accepted a new challenge as the Regional Coordinator for the implementation of Integrated Service Delivery in the South-East region. This opportunity is teaching her so much about her own strengths and capacities, but mostly it is teaching her that we have the ability to make significant changes when we all focus on a common goal.

Aside from her career, she is a proud mom to 2 young teenage boys, 13 and 15 and a step mom to a beautiful 19 year old daughter. All of them are quite involved in sports and academics and this keeps her very active throughout the year. Although her career brings her much satisfaction, being a mother is definitely her most fulfilling role of all!

Integrated Services Delivery

“Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) is for children and youth with emotional, behavioural, and mental health issues. The Integrated Services Delivery (ISD) approach involves close collaboration among team members and participating departments (i.e. Education and Early Childhood Development, Social Development, Health, Public Safety, school districts and regional health authorities). A variety of services are available, and may be delivered in schools and community settings”.

This service is available to homeschooling students and only the necessary departments will be involved. We have spoken to HSLDA and to Liz herself about any concerns and she assured us that homeschooling will be viewed as being in the best interest of the child.

Here is a link to the Government of New Brunswick website with more information about Integrated Service Delivery:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/isd.html>

Lora Carter

Homeschooling with a Home-based Business

How do you handle teaching school and running a home-based business? Is it possible to do both well (I'm still working on the doing it well part)? This is a question that a lot of people are asking. My name is Lora Carter and I am going to share my experience. I have been homeschooling for 7 years and working in our family business/home-based business for 6 years.

Dawn & Rod Cumberland

Rod married his UNB sweetheart in 1990 and began work as a wildlife biologist for the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources in Fredericton. In 1999, Dawn began homeschooling their oldest son Ben, and continued to add Nathan, Emily and Katie to the mix. A few years ago, Rod became lead instructor on all things wildlife at the Maritime College of Forest Technology. Dawn had spent her time helping lead the Greater Fredericton Home Educators until they both became active in HENB. The Cumberlands run a hobby farm on Keswick Ridge and spend their spare time camping, playing music and competing at Lumberjack Sports.

When, Not if, Life Gets Hard

“These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.” John 16:33 Our journey and God’s faithfulness in it.

Critical Thinking

Some of the “hows” but mostly the “Why” this is so important to our children in these post modern times.

Natalie Gray

Natalie and her husband, Ian, have been homeschooling their seven children since 1999. They now have three homeschool graduates, one in private school, and three still at home. Their homeschool journey so far has taken them through the joys and struggles of special needs and gifted students. Outside the home, they enjoy sports, dance, theatre and music.

Q & A with Veteran Home Educators Panel

Liz Lautard, Integrated Services Delivery (ISD)

Like all parents Liz Lautard brings her experiences – both work and personal – to her role as mom to her 5 year old son for whom any place, at any time, can become a stage.

Since university Liz Lautard has been involved in addressing the issue of male violence against women in different capacities. Liz holds an MA in Sociology and has extensive experience providing crisis intervention to sexual assault victims. Prior to coming to government she worked as a Domestic Violence Outreach Coordinator. She not only established the Fredericton program, she provided services and support including risk assessment, safety planning and case planning for women affected by domestic violence. Working with women impacted by domestic violence often meant assisting them as they supported their own children's healing as well.

At the Women's Equality Branch Liz was responsible for many files related to children. Liz also delivered training to government and community partners around the province on Danger Assessment; a risk assessment tool intended to measure the risk a woman has of being killed by her intimate partner. Liz incorporated into the training a section on children and risk in intimate partner violence situations drawn from her work putting together the Equality Profile: a compendium of statistical information on women in New Brunswick. Liz believes her hands-on experience working with women and children significantly enhances her work with government.

Currently Liz is the regional coordinator for Fredericton for Integrated Service Delivery (ISD), a model providing mental health, addiction, intervention and social services to children and youth.

An avid runner, Liz believes that when we listen – really listen - to children and youth, they teach us. It's that simple.

Integrated Services Delivery

Gina Lynch

Gina Lynch is an optimist who loves staying up late and that first cup of coffee in the morning! She is married to Matt and is mom to her four children who she has been blessed to homeschool. She daily searches for beauty in the mundane, yearns to travel more and lives by the motto "Do the next thing."

Enriching Your Family One Book at a Time

We all know that reading is foundational to a good education. Know how to read and you can learn anything! But did you know that reading together as a family can build strong bonds, spark interesting conversations and create lasting memories? Join us as we discuss how to make reading a part of your family's culture! We'll explore the benefits of reading together as well as how to deal with some of the obstacles.

Rachel MacCabe

Rachael MacCabe is a wife & mom who is in her 13th year of home education. She and her husband Terry have homeschooled their two boys, Layton and Winston, from the beginning and have their first high school graduate this June. She has enjoyed being part of her support group executive, coordinating the annual heritage fair and all things curriculum. Prior to the homeschool journey, Rachael obtained a degree in biology and a diploma in Biblical Studies and held a four-year position in a bio-technology research lab. She and her husband have been married 23 years and have served in pastoral ministry in both PEI and NB. In her spare time, she enjoys frequenting the library and book sales to feed her book addiction

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Heather Milbury

Heather is a homeschooling mom to five great kids who range in age from 5 to 13. Over the past eight years she has tried far too many curriculum. In the trials, she has found an educational path that seems to work for her family. With God's grace, her children have learned how to make her coffee and babysit.

FREE: Getting Started in Home Education

a) What is Home Education? b) How to Begin, From Wherever You Are

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Guy & Holly Myers

Guy (Ontario) and Holly Myers (NB) were married in 1991 and have made Browns Flat, NB their home for the past 23 years. While pastoring the little white Baptist church along the Saint John River, they have home educated their 4 children, Jesse, Gabriel, Luke and Michal Grace. While two have "graduated" and the eldest has married (Melissa), their hearts are still passionate and committed to their calling to raise and guide their expanding family according to the principles of God's holy word....their first love. Guy spends most of his free time volunteer fire fighting, hobby farming and watching the Dallas Cowboys play his favorite sport. Holly finds joy in painting, being outdoors and healthy cooking.

Building Character

Has the pain of trials deceived you into ignoring God's best tool for character building? Are you trying to deal with deadly sin, using sugar coated candy? When your child is in a struggle, that is the best opportunity to mature...don't waste it! Like Buckley's cough syrup...trials taste awful...but they work! Understanding the Biblical principles of spiritual growth and trusting God enough to implement them in your family makes it much easier to help your children develop a "palate" or a taste for the Jesus we love and to face trials hopefully. School books are important, but character building is paramount. "For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?" Mark 8:36

Jeanne Ohlhauser

After completing her Education degree from the University of Alberta, Jeanne Ohlhauser has spent the last 23 years homeschooling her seven children. While she still schools three at home (grade 11, 8 and 6), Jeanne has four young adults who have successfully entered a trade school, college and/or university. Jeanne is so happy to share and discuss with other parents who are considering options for their children's high school education.

Home School in High School

Home Schooling can be done in High School! This seminar is led by a homeschooling parent who has graduated 4 students and is working on graduating 3 more. It is intended to increase the confidence of parents and students who are considering continuing home schooling through high school. It will discuss two different approaches to home schooling in high school, as well as offer suggestions of curriculum and extracurricular ideas that will prepare each student for possible postsecondary work and success in life.

Micah Peterson

Micah Peterson is a UNB computer science graduate from Saint John. Micah has been involved in the software industry for over 10 years. He worked for Whitehill Technologies, was part the first cohort of Propel ICT's new Launch36 Accelerator Program and is now Innovatia's chief 'doer' of all things related to the company's ProcedureFlow software.

Growing up in the era of Atari, Nintendo and Sega Genesis, Micah channels a passion for computers and gaming into teaching his children. Chess, iPad apps and computer programming are all part of a normal school day. Micah's passion for technology and early computer literacy recently landed him a spot on the CBC evening news. He is a dynamic speaker who loves to share his technology resources with others.

Using Technology in Home Education

iPad apps? Educational websites? Computer programming? You bet! All this and more! T

he first part of this session will focus on using educational apps to make learning fun and engaging. Micah will demonstrate some apps and show you how to build your own collection of resources.

Next, Micah will explain why computer programming is such a critical part of the new economy and show you how to start programming with your kids.

Ben Savage

I am a youth director and carpenter. I grew up in Waterville, New Brunswick. I am married with boy and a girl on the way. I was homeschooled all the way to grade 12 and I studied the Bible for 4 years in College.

Life After Homeschool

The teen event kicks off with a former home schooled youth pastor sharing, amidst ice breakers and games, pop and pizza, how he transitioned in to the “Real World” and with his faith in tact to boot

Amy McConchie, Duke of Edinburgh Award

My name is Amy McConchie and I am a Bronze and Silver achiever, and am currently working on my Gold award. I have recently completed the third year of my degree and am looking forward to graduating with my bachelors next year. Currently I work for the New Brunswick division of the Duke of Edinburghs Award as an award officer and I get to travel around the province giving presentations to youth groups and schools. I also have the oppurtunity to represent NB as the Duke Delegate this year. Besides duke of ed, I am very involved in the 4H program through my club, provincial, and Nationally as NB's Youth Advisory Committee member.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

The presentation will be an overview of the Award program, which is the world’s leading youth achievement award, founded by HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh in 1956. The Award operates in 143 countries around the world and over 8 million youth have participated in the program.

Participants must set and achieve goals in four different program areas that allow them to get involved in the community, explore the great outdoors, discover or enhance a skill or hobby, and engage in regular physical activity

Anita Peppard

I am Anita Peppard....daughter of the King, wife of 22 years (and counting) to Tom Peppard, mother to 5 children, ages 18 to 7 (four of them being boys), homeschool mom for 11 years, childrens ministry worker at Devon Park Baptist, graduate of Moody Bible Institute, reader of good books, and watcher of British historical movies/tv.

Poverty & Injustice-Your role

“We live in a world filled with beauty and with brokenness, a world struggling with the knowledge that things are not the way they’re supposed to be. A world that is in poverty and is in need of restoration. In the Bible, we see the story of how the world came to be this way and the promise of restoration. It’s a story of redemption, hope and promise - and a story in which God is inviting us to discover our role.”